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This male (West Indian) Yellow-faced Grassquit, a state fifth, was photographed at Eco Pond, Everglades National Park on 1 February 2001; it was present there from 20 January to 5 February. *Photograph by Kevin T. Karlson.*



This "Brewer's Duck," as the hybrid Gadwall x Mallard was once known, appeared in Greeley, Colorado on 18 January (when this photo was taken) and remained until the 21st. *Photograph by D. Leatherman.*



Mountain Chickadees dispersed widely from their montane haunts in the fall and winter, with records well into eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and the Great Plains generally, the Southwest, the lowlands of the Great Basin in Nevada, the Sacramento Valley, and the coast of Baja California. This individual was closer to home but smartly photographed at Allenport, Colorado on 20 January. *Photograph by D. Leatherman.*



This Roadside Hawk, representing only the fourth for Texas (and the United States) was found 11 December at Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, when this photograph was taken, and reported infrequently through February. *Photograph by J. E. Culbertson.*

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Appearing unexpectedly in the Mountain Region of Alabama, a Limpkin furnished a first state record at Smith Lake Park, Cullman County. Allowing study for nearly two months beginning 30 September 2000, the bird was photographed here 17 November 2000. *Photograph by LaDonna Nichols.*



This adult Black-backed Wagtail frequented salt ponds at Alviso, Santa Clara County, California from 17 December through the period, a seventh Regional record and the first in winter. Incredibly, another wagtail, also thought to be a Black-backed, overwintered in *Alaska!* *Photograph by Michael M. Rogers.*



Part of a broad pattern of movement in the Southwest this winter, a White-winged Junco spent the winter near Bishop, Inyo County, California, establishing only the second record for the Southern Pacific Coast Region (and third for California) of this distinctive subspecies. It was photographed here on Christmas Day. *Photograph by Larry Sansone.*



This female Eurasian Bullfinch of the *cassini* form (first described from Alaska) frequented a feeder in Fairbanks for 38 days beginning 24 February (here 6 March). *Photograph by Mike Endres.*



At Ketchikan, Alaska, it would be unheard of to see an American Golden-Plover or even a Pacific Golden-Plover in middle January, but a European Golden-Plover was completely unexpected. This bird was noted on Gauma Island near the airport there and photographed 13 January. *Photograph by Steve Heint.*



In addition to the now (apparently) resident birds in Rocky Ford, Colorado, another Inca Dove showed up this winter in Fort Collins, where it was photographed 18 January. Photograph by D. Leatherman.



This female Spotted Towhee was seen by many observers at a Beauport, Québec feeder from 5 January through the winter's end. Photograph by Michèle Lafleur.



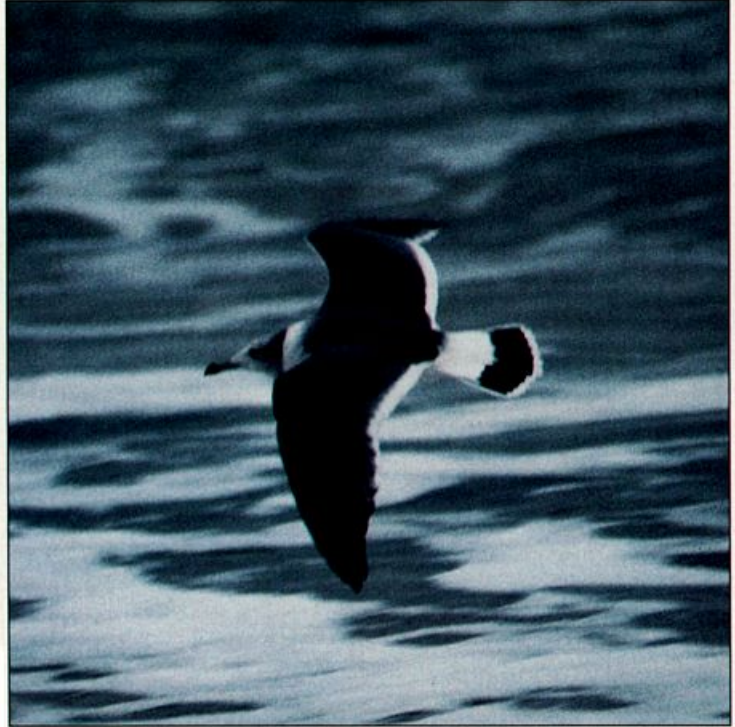
This Red-billed Tropicbird, a straggler to Hawai'i, was seen at Kilauea from 18 February through the period; it was likely the same bird as seen here in 1998 and 1999. Photograph by Christian Melgar.



A female Chuck-will's-widow found in torpor on the Hatteras, North Carolina C.B.C. by Audrey Whitlock and Paul W. Sykes, Jr. 27 December provided firm evidence of the species's presence here in winter. The maritime forest of Buxton Woods lies in close proximity to the Gulf Stream, which provides enough warmth for a microclimate that supports often large numbers of warblers such as Ovenbirds wintering well north of typical range. Photograph by Audrey Whitlock.



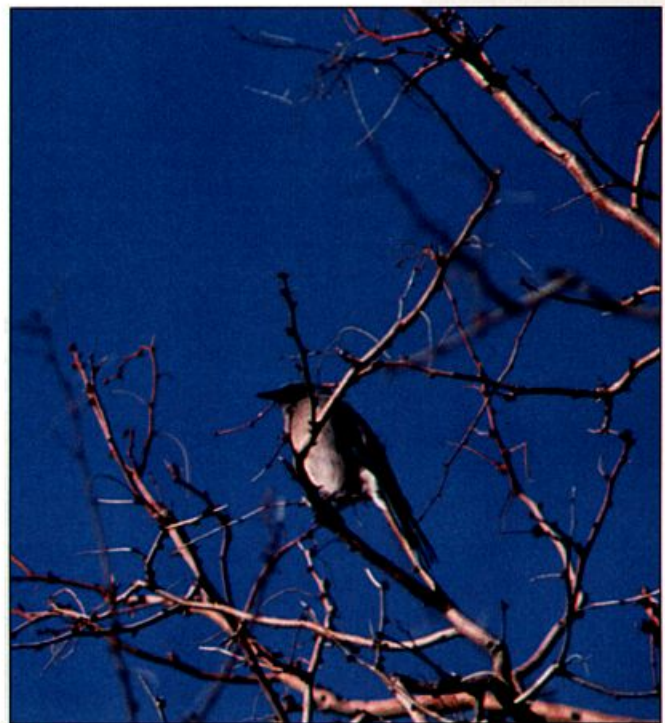
California's second documented Red-legged Kittiwake, an adult, was found alive 13 February in Ross, Marin County. In spite of diligent rescue efforts, it succumbed the next day and is now a specimen at the California Academy of Sciences. Another was noted just off Santa Cruz County about two weeks later. *Photograph by Rich Stallcup.*



This Black-tailed Gull, Maryland's second record (first in 1984), was found by Regional Editor Iliff and Jim Stasz on Assateague Island, just north of the Virginia line, 7 October. Why this species continues to turn up in small numbers on the Atlantic coast but not the Pacific is still a riddle. *Photograph by Mark L. Hoffman.*



Last autumn's finest find in Texas may have been this Piratic Flycatcher, the state's second, on an oil rig off Kennedy County 21-22 October. *Photograph by Alan Wormington.*



This Mexican Jay of the *arizonae* race, a first for Texas, was found and carefully studied by Barry Zimmer in El Paso 24-25 January. The pale blue color of the head and upperparts, yellowish gape mark, and dull gray throat distinguish this subspecies from the nominate form typically seen around Big Bend National Park. *Photograph by Barry Zimmer.*